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**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)

L6780/251099

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,898,801, granted April 27, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Optical Transport System

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

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At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

1. Applicant failed to claim priority to copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/831,375, now U.S. Patent No. 5,901,260, under 35 U.S.C. § 120 before the patent was granted.

2. Applicant believes the original patent to be partially invalid or inoperable by reason of the patentee claiming less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. We do not believe that a pump source, a translation logic device, or data terminal equipment need to be recited in a claim to an optical transport system.

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